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REMARKS

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 28, 2008. The Office objected to an amendment appearing in a claim, *i.e.*, claim 47, which Applicant proposes to withdraw. By this paper, Applicant removes the amendment from the claim. Otherwise, this paper is substantively the same as that submitted March 11, 2008.

Claims 1 through 48 are pending in the present application. Applicant proposes minor amendments to claims 3, 7, 12, 15, 20, and 47 in preparation for further examination. Applicant proposes adding claim 49. No new matter has been added.

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Felten for conducting the telephonic interview on January 15, 2008. During that interview, the undersigned proposed arguments consistent with those presented in the paper submitted by Applicant on November 5, 2007.

The Office has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of one of three groups of claims. Applicants provisionally elects Examiner's Group I (claims 1-7 and 10-26), for prosecution in the present application. This election is in no way an admission of the Office's characterizations of the claims or the appropriateness of the Office's groupings of claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

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